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FIGURES SHOW SLIGHT DECREASE IN HUNTING LICENSES IN 1928 - 29

More than 6,425,000 hunting licenses for taking wild game were issued to sportsmen throughout the United States, including Alaska, in the season 1928-29. The revenue to the States amounted to more than \$9,390,000. This sum includes receipts from combined hunting and fishing licenses but not from licenses issued for fishing only. Detailed figures for the season, compiled by the Bureau of Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, show a slight decrease in the number of licenses issued and a small increase in the money receipts as compared with the preceding three years. In the 1925-26 season, 5,332,375 hunters paid for their licenses a total of \$7,130,102, while in the 1926-27 season 5,989,795 hunting licenses were issued, bringing a revenue of \$8,187,223 to the States. In 1927-28 6,462,555 licenses were issued, and the fees paid were \$9,338,173.

New York State, with 677,137 licenses and \$703,047 in money returns, and Pennsylvania, with 517,793 licenses and a revenue of \$998,834, head the 1928-29 list. Only 17 States licensed more than 1,000 nonresidents or aliens, New York leading with 5,409, Maine second with 3,864, and Massachusetts third with 3,462.

The bureau has tabulated the record for the season 1928-29 complete, except for Mississippi, for which the figures are not available:

HUNTERS' LICENSES ISSUED BY STATES, WITH TOTAL MONEY RETURNS, FOR THE SEASON 1928-29

<u>State</u>	Resident	Nonresident or alien	Money returns 1/
Alaska 2/ Alabama Arizona 3/ Arkansas California 3/	26,697 <u>4</u> / 90,000	227 197 821 <u>4</u> / 1,500 2,878	\$ 16,490.00 124,594.00 85,318.50 112,500.00 (488,114.32
Colorado 3/ Connecticut 3/ Delaware 3/ Florida Georgia 3/	35,936 2,054 <u>4</u> /	397 601 360 <u>4</u> / 568 202	236,401.50 99,959.75 5,685.00 180,529.00 91,583.23
Idaho 3/ Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas.	$300,413$ $309,191 \frac{4}{4}$ $173,116 \frac{4}{4}$	439 <u>4</u> / 2,283 468 <u>4</u> / 200 109	165,213.90 335,799.50 298,644.00 175,116.00 128,931.00
Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts 3/	99,632 34,748 <u>4</u> / 66,766	286 435 3,864 1,800 3,462 <u>4</u> /	107,216.00 110,382.00 52,350.70 130,101.55 255,014.00
Michigan Minnesota Missouri Montana	110,536 254,740 $\frac{4}{4}$	2,434 364 842 <u>4</u> / 274	400,510.99 107,674.84 303,511.18 156,115.20
Nebraska 3/ Nevada New Hampshire 3/ New Jersey 3/ New Mexico 5/	7,448 $56,241$ $4/$ $195,121$ $4/$	$ \begin{array}{r} 178 & \underline{4}/\\ 151 \\ 2,590 & \underline{4}/\\ 2,139 & \underline{4}/\\ 1,381 & \underline{4}/ \end{array} $	174,250.00 11,398.50 114,775.35 314,071.50 92,000.00
New York	117,691 34,108 381,817	5,409 1,221 163 29 383	703,047.87 188,819.50 55,237.00 382,252.00 164,451.50

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Oregon 3/ Pennsylvania Rhode Island 3/ South Carolina South Dakota	60,818 <u>4</u> / 516,603 9,426 89,396 113,229 <u>4</u> /	593 1,190 299 1,384 2,838	\$ 222,785.50 998,834.70 22,900.00 142,026.00 192,891.00
Tennessee Texas Utah 3/ Vermont Virginia	$63,741$ $113,833$ $15.841 \frac{4}{40,678}$ $140,607 \frac{4}{4}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 293 \\ 517 \\ 253 \underline{4}/\\ 1,312 \underline{4}/\\ 2,687 \underline{4}/ \end{array} $	80,152.00 221,965.05 33,507.60 60,349.80 239,560.30
Washington	135,664 ⁴ / 158,840	647 489 229 676 <u>4</u> /	371,981.00 176,916.00 148,881.00 110,603.00
Total	6,376,699	52,062	\$9,391,412.33

Includes amounts received from combined hunting and fishing licenses, but not from licenses to fish only.

 $^{^{2/}}$ No resident license required.

^{3/}. Seasonal figures for the year 1929.

 $[\]frac{4}{2}$ Includes combined hunting and fishing licenses.